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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before examining the referenced application on the merits, please amend the application as outlined below:

In the Claims: (A copy of the marked up claims is attached as appendix A.)

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of restricting data access in a receiver/decoder having a memory, the method comprising:

assigning a plurality of sets of access rights to the data, each set of access rights being assigned to at least one party;

storing the data, the sets of access rights and an identifier for each party in a memory of the receiver/decoder;

comparing the identifier of a party requesting access to the data with the or each identifier stored in the memory; and

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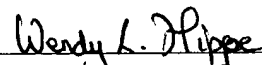
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